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SUBJECT: ADDENDA TO THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING PAPER
FOR HIS MEETING WITH LIBERIAN VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE
WARNER AND FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS

1. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE SECRETARY'S
BRIEFING PAPER ON LIBERIA FOR HIS MEETING WITH BISHOP
BENNIE D. WARNER, VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE, AND FOREIGN
MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS, NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER
29 AT 2:45 P.M.

2. ISSUE - THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

U.S. OBJECTIVE - TO ASSUAGE LIBERIAN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE A STOP IN
LIBERIA.

VISITOR'S OBJECTIVE - TO PERSUADE THE PRESIDENT TO
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STOP IN LIBERIA EN ROUTE TO NIGERIA.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS -- PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS EXTREMELY
DISAPPOINTED THAT LIBERIA WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE
ANNOUNCED ITINERARY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. HE HAS

JUST WRITTEN THE PRESIDENT INVITING HIM TO MAKE A

BRIEF STOP IN MONROVIA EN ROUTE FROM BRASILIA TO LAGOS.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WITH EIGHT COUNTRIES IN ELEVEN DAYS THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE IS VERY TIGHT.

-- WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE FEASIBILITY OF A BRIEF STOP IN MONROVIA AND REGRET THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S GRACIOUS INVITATION TO VISIT LIBERIA.

-- PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S LETTER SHORTLY.

3. ISSUE - BISHOP WARNER'S IMPENDING ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: YOUR MEETING WITH SECRETARY DENNIS WAS MOVED FORWARD AT THE REQUEST OF THE LIBERIANS TO ALLOW METHODIST BISHOP BENNIE D. WARNER TO ATTEND. BISHOP WARNER IS THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE OF THE TRUE WHIG PARTY AND PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO REPLACE THE LATE JAMES E. GREENE AS VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA. THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4, AND WARNER IS A CERTAIN WINNER.
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POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- IT MAY BE A BIT PREMATURE TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS BUT ON THE EVE OF YOUR ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES.

-- IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S SCHEDULE PRECLUDED YOUR MEETING ON SHORT NOTICE. I KNOW HE LOOKS FORWARD TO GETTING TOGETHER WITH YOU ON SOME FUTURE OCCASION. CHRISTOPHER

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